

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1911 - HB 2024

February 18, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a child protective team convened by the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to conduct an investigation if a report of severe child abuse is received. Expands certain statutory responsibilities of child protective teams to include "severe child abuse" in addition to "child sexual abuse." Requires each District Attorney General to include information on severe child abuse in their yearly progress report to the General Assembly.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-607, DCS is required to convene a child protective team to investigate reports of child sexual abuse. The proposed legislation would expand the responsibilities such teams to include investigations of severe child abuse.
- It is current practice for child protective teams to address reports of severe physical abuse, as well as child sexual abuse. If passed, the proposed legislation would not result in a significant change in the practices of child protective teams.
- Child protective team members do not receive compensation for their participation on a team and work in their official capacity through interagency agreements.
- District Attorneys General can include additional information in their annual report utilizing existing resources.
- The proposed legislation would not impact the operations of DCS; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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